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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 7, 2005, claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication Application No. 2003/0025868 (Hiroshima) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,659,379 (Morimoto) and U.S. Patent No. 6,281,952 (Okamoto).

Claims 2, 5, 7 and 8 were allowed.

Claims 3 and 6 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable.

Original claim 3 depended from claim 1.

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3 and claim 3 has been cancelled. Claim 1 as amended, is therefore now in condition for allowance.

Claim 6 previously depended from claim 3. Since claim 3 has been cancelled and its limitations added to claim 1, claim 6 has been amended to make it depend from claim 1.

By the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 2 and 4-8 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims is requested.

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